

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A diffusion sheet that diffuses light incident thereon from a light incident side and causes the light to outgo from a light outgoing side, characterized by comprising:

a plurality of approximately trapezoidal columnar unit lens portions disposed such that long-axis directions thereof are in parallel with each other, wherein all surfaces of the unit lens portions, which correspond to long bottom segments of approximately trapezoidal sections of the unit lens portions vertical to the long-axis directions thereof, are disposed on a light-incident-side flat surface; and

a plurality of light absorbing portions interposed between adjacent unit lens portions of the plurality of unit lens portions to absorb external light incident from the light outgoing side,

wherein the plurality of unit lens portions are arranged such that a part of the light incident on the unit lens portions from the light incident side is totally reflected on surfaces of the unit lens portions corresponding to side segments of the approximately trapezoidal sections vertical to the long-axis directions of the unit lens portions, and

a section of each of the unit lens portions vertical to the long-axis direction thereof is formed in an isosceles trapezoidal shape, and the plurality of unit lens portions have at least two types of unit lens portions each having a different angle between each side segment and a light-incident-side long bottom segment of the isosceles trapezoidal section.

11. (Original) A diffusion sheet according to claim 10, characterized in that a length of a light-outgoing-side bottom segment of a section of each of the light absorbing

portions vertical to a long-axis direction thereof is 40% or more to 100% or less of a length of the light-incident-side long bottom segment of the section of each of the unit lens portions vertical to the long-axis direction thereof.

12. (Original) A diffusion sheet according to claim 10, characterized in that a section of each of the light absorbing portions vertical to a long-axis direction thereof interposed between adjacent unit lens portions of the plurality of unit lens portions is formed in an approximately triangular shape, and a vertex of the section on the light incident side thereof is composed of a straight line segment having a width of at least 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

13. (Original) A diffusion sheet according to claim 10, characterized in that a section of each of the light absorbing portions vertical to a long-axis direction thereof interposed between adjacent unit lens portions of the plurality of unit lens portions is formed in an approximately triangular shape, and a vertex of the section on the light incident side thereof is composed of a curved line segment having a radius of curvature of at least 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

14. (Original) A diffusion sheet according to claim 10, characterized by further comprising a support plate disposed on the light outgoing side of the unit lens portions and containing a diffusion agent.

15. (Original) A diffusion sheet according to claim 14, characterized in that a light-outgoing-side surface of the support plate is formed flat.

16. (Original) A diffusion sheet according to claim 14, characterized in that the support plate has an ultraviolet ray absorbing action.

17. (Original) A diffusion sheet according to claim 10, characterized in that the unit lens portions comprise a radiation setting resin.

18. (Previously Presented) A rear projection screen comprising:

a diffusion sheet according to claim 10; and

a Fresnel lens sheet disposed on the light incident side of the diffusion sheet.

19-41. (Canceled)